

## **CLAIM AMENDMENT**

Claim 1 to 14. (canceled)

15. (new) A vinyl pack opener comprising:

a body (10) forming a guide space (20), said guide space having an opening part (21) at the front portion;  
a cutter (30) provided at the rear portion of said opening part (21) for cutting a vinyl pack guided into said opening part (21) of the guide space (20), and  
cutting resistance reducing means provided in the guide space (20) for reducing the cutting resistance of the vinyl pack being cut by using the cutter (30).

16. (new) A vinyl pack opener as claimed in claim 15, wherein the cutting resistance reducing means comprises a vertically separating means for separating the vinyl pack upward and downward along with cutting, said vertically separating means being constructed to have the guide space (20) formed upwardly and downwardly to cross each other at the left and right sides of the cutter (30) as the guide space (20) goes toward the back of the cutter (30).

17. (new) A vinyl pack opener as claimed in claim 15, wherein the cutting resistance reducing means comprises a laterally separating means for separating the vinyl pack leftward and rightward along with cutting, the laterally separating means being constructed to have a protrusion formed on the cutter (30).

18. (new) A vinyl pack opener as claimed in claim 15, wherein the cutting resistance reducing means comprises a vertically separating means constructed to have the guide space (20) formed upwardly and downwardly to cross each other at the left and right sides of the

cutter (30) as the guide space goes toward the back of the cutter (30), and laterally separating means constructed to have a protrusion formed on the cutter (30).

19. (new) A vinyl pack-opener as claimed in claim 16, wherein the vertically separating means is constructed in such a manner that the guide space (20) has an upwardly curved part (23a) formed at one side of the cutter (30) and a straight line part (23b) formed at the other side of the cutter (30).

20. (new) A vinyl pack opener as claimed in claim 17, wherein the laterally separating means is constructed in such a manner that the protrusion (E1) formed in a cutter receiving groove (G1) for the cutter (31) on one side body member (10b) of the opener body (10) consisting of two body members (10a, 10b) is inserted into an insertion hole (H) of the cutter (31) such that it is exposed to the guide space (20) of the other side body member (10a) upon the coupling between one side body member (10b) and the other side body member (10a).

21. (new) A vinyl pack opener as claimed in claim 17, wherein the laterally separating means is constructed in such a manner that the protrusion (E2) formed at the back of a cutter receiving groove (G2) for the cutter (33) on one side body member (10b) of the opener body (10) consisting of two body members (10a, 10b) is exposed to the guide space (20) of the other side body member (10a) upon the coupling between one side body member (10b) and the other side body member (10a).

22. (new) A vinyl pack opener as claimed in claim 15, wherein the cutting resistance reducing means comprises laterally separating means for separating the vinyl pack leftward and rightward along with cutting, the laterally separating means being constructed to have the opener body (10) or the cutter (30) become gradually thicker as it goes toward the back of the

edge of the cutter (30).

23. (new) A vinyl pack opener as claimed in claim 15, wherein a vertical axis (X1) of the cutter (30) is at acute angles ( $\theta_1, \theta_2$ ) with respect to an imaginary straight line axis (X2) that defines an advancing direction of the vinyl pack inserted into the guide space (20) through the opening part (21).

24. (new) A vinyl pack opener as claimed in claim 23, wherein the angles ( $\theta_1, \theta_2$ ) between the vertical axis (X1) and the imaginary straight line axis (X2) each are between  $68^\circ$  and  $75^\circ$ .

25. (new) A vinyl pack opener as claimed in claim 15, wherein the guide space (20) has opening with width (W) in a range of 0.1 mm to 2 mm for protecting user's finger.

26. (new) A vinyl pack opener as claimed in claim 15, wherein the opener body (10) having front and rear surfaces (11a, 11b) forms concavo-convex part (13) on one side or both sides for preventing the slipping.

27. (new) A vinyl pack opener as claimed in claim 15, wherein the opener body (10) has a front surface (11a) for placing an advertisement and a rear surface (11b) with concavo-convex part (13) for preventing the slipping.

28. (new) A vinyl pack opener as claimed in claim 15, wherein the opener body (10) has a magnet inside the opener body (10) for easily keeping at a convenient place.